

## Freedom of Information request 57-17

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### Request

- 1) Please state the number of patients that your board transferred to private mental health inpatient units in each of the following financial years. Please break this down by month.
  - i) 2012-13
  - ii) 2013-14
  - iii) 2014-15
  - iv) 2015-16
  - v) 2016-17 to date.
  
- 2) Please state how much your board spent on treatment in private mental health inpatient units in the following financial years.
  - i) 2012-13
  - ii) 2013-14
  - iii) 2014-15
  - iv) 2015-16
  - v) 2016-17 to 31st December 2016
  
- 3) Please state on how many days that your board could not source any beds in private sector inpatient units. Please provide information for the following financial years. Please break this down by month.
  - i) 2012-13
  - ii) 2013-14
  - iii) 2014-15
  - iv) 2015-16
  - v) 2016-17 to date.

### Response

1. NHS Borders aims to provide patient care within local services and where necessary NHS Borders also commissions psychiatric services from NHS Lothian. In exceptional circumstances patients may need to receive psychiatric care from another provider NHS Borders does not have a singular database that holds this information and a manual trawl to identify patient numbers is out with NHS Scotland parameters of FOI legislation. . Therefore under Section 12 of the FOI(S)A we are not required to provide this information..
  
2. NHS Borders patients receiving Inpatient mental health treatment at NHS Lothian facilities:

Board	2011/2012		2012/2013		2013/2014		2014/2015		2015/2016	
	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
NHS Lothian	11	9	18	<5	13	8	21	9	11	5
Average cost of activity each year	£183,823		£326,164		£261,885		£359,795		£390,522	

We currently do not yet have verified patient activity information from NHS Lothian for 2016/17.

3. As per response to Q1 a manual trawl of invoices received for patients treated under Extra Contractual Referrals and outwith NHS Scotland would be outwith the parameters of FOI legislation. Therefore under Section 12 of the FOI(S)A we are not required to provide this information..
4. There have been no occasions where it has not been possible to find a mental health patient bed.

As the number of events in some areas are very small and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the [ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol](#).

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or [foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk).

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **57-17** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.